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## HE LEADS US ON.

He leads us on

By paths we do not know.

Upward He leads us, though our steps be slow.

Though oft we faint and falter on the way.

Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day.

Yet when the clouds are gone,

We know He leads us on.

He leads us on

Through the unquiet years;

Past all our dreamland hopes and doubts and fears

He guides our steps. Through all the tangled maze

Of sin, of sorrow, and of clouded days

We urge His will is done;

And still He leads us on.

And He, at last,

After the weary strife,

After the restless fever we call life,

After the dreariness, the aching pain,

The wayward struggles which have proved in vain,

After our toils are past,

Will give us rest at last. — *Golden Hours.*

Charles A. Dana, editor of the N. Y. Sun, speaking of rules proper to be observed by journalists, gives two very good ones, viz: "Fight for your own opinions, but don't believe they contain the whole truth, or the only truth." "Support your party, if you have one, but don't think all the good men are in it, and all the bad men outside of it."

Churches and ministers of the right kind are the conservators of the world; but they cannot be maintained, as at present constituted, without much material aid. But there is much more expense attending them than need to be, more to gratify pride and show, than for any real good, which, with the high salaries in many cases paid to preachers, becomes a burden too heavy for the people to bear, and some refuse to enter the church and others leave it, in consequence. One of the most incongruous, inappropriate and grating things we know of as connected with religious experience, is, when new members are standing round the rail (we are speaking of one branch of the Christian church) and they are being questioned as to their religious attainments and desires, and in which it is to be supposed they are at such a time most deeply and feelingly interested, the wet-blanket question is put to them, Are you willing to contribute to the various enterprises of the church, according to your ability? Of course, assent is given. And then at some future time if the person objects to contribute to some useless extravagance, he or she is reminded of this vow. O, the worldly! And this vow is a useless one—useless. From the fact that the person, if of the right kind, will contribute, of course, to the maintenance of the church, and if not of the right kind, such a vow will have no more effect than water on a duck's back, and will slip off just as easy, and be disregarded.

To show what this money craze in our churches

can accomplish, we give the results as developed in some of the churches in England. The statements are given in a letter published in the "Christian Advocate."

Some of our largest chapels in the provinces are not half filled, some not one-third full; pew-rents have to be increased; and, to improve the salary of the more educated preachers of the day,\* the old quarterly collection is made twice in the quarter, and in some of the circuits, thrice. Collections every Sabbath have driven hundreds away from the churches, and hundreds of others put coppers on the plate instead of silver, as has been the case in times past, and that too in the best pews of the church. There are over one hundred Sunday collections in that church every year. The consequence is, many can give only a small sum each time, and annual subscriptions are often discontinued. In many cases of this kind, it is "can't afford," rather than "don't care."

Another clergyman, secretary of the Missionary Society, at a meeting in a church where a taudry window had been put in "to the memory of Bishop Simpson," who, himself, no doubt, would have repudiated any such nonsense, but it gave some one or more an opportunity to get a little glory by associating their names with a truly great and good man.) stated that—

Some of the largest churches in the Connection for some time past had been only one-third full on Sunday; the oft-repeated collections had driven the people from them, and the cause was dying of sheer red-tape management. Some of these almost empty churches had been turned into Missions, in which young evangelists are working with good results. [No big salaries to pay to the "more educated" preachers; fewer collections; houses mostly filled two or three times every Sunday.]

\* Is this the result of educating ministers? First, we are often called upon for money to educate "poor young men for the ministry," and then for increased salary consequent upon this higher education! Well, the church moves. Let us be thankful for churches and conscientious ministers.

**MODEL WIFELINESS.**—The example which the mistress of the White House has set for American women has been a model in many things, but in nothing has it been more commendable than in the consistency with which she has taught that a wife's place is by her husband's side. Nor does her action lose any charm because this old-fashioned rule has lately fallen into comparative neglect. It is a wise rule, whether so acknowledged or not, and Mrs. Cleveland should be doubly honored for so observing it when so few others do. *Philadelphia Times.*

[After the above was in type, it was stated that Mrs. Cleveland had gone to Marion, Mass., to spend several days, and President Cleveland had gone on a yachting and fishing tour.—*ED. BASKET.*]

When cigarettes their vapors blow

In people's throats and choke 'em,

It is some comfort slight to know

They kill the dudes that smoke 'em.—*Washington.*

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The GRADING CRAZE has come up again, by which, if carried out in some places, will put property holders to a heavy expense, besides seriously injuring it, as has already been done in some cases, by unduly depressing or elevating the street or side-walk, and this simply to gratify a silly whim of making a straight surface. Among the changes now proposed is on the west side of Main street from the rail road to Tanner street. Some years ago, a pavement was laid in front of the Episcopal church and parsonage, according to a grade given to suit. Instead of conforming to the natural grade, which is a good one, the end of the pavement towards Tanner st. was too much elevated, causing a hill, which ever since has been an inconvenience and an eye-sore. Now an effort is being made to continue that grade, to the great injury of the adjoining properties. In order to settle the question, a surveyor from a neighboring city, was employed, and he, like any other man of common sense and impartiality, would do, decided that the end of the pavement should be somewhat lowered, so as to make a more regular and natural descent, and the grade was fixed. But this righteous judgment has been met by opposition from members of the church, and others, for fear, probably, of being put to some little expense, by making this slight and proper alteration, (but having no regard for what others might suffer,) and the stakes have been re-set, and that, too, in the absence of one of the most influential commissioners. We trust our new Board of Commissioners will not permit this great wrong, nor allow any man or set of men to have power, or self-will, or spite, enough to make void the work of an impartial surveyor.

Teachers of "love your neighbor as yourself" should be careful to practice what he or she teaches.

As one of the parties most deeply interested, we propose to take no action, and if the commissioners, at the instigation of a church, or any other party, choose to incur the odium of doing a great wrong, so be it. The grade has been established perhaps for a 100 years, and the immediate residents, so far as we can learn, have never been dissatisfied with it. The trouble seems to be made by some busy-bodies whose pockets will not suffer from the movement, and who have no business to meddle with it, whilst others most deeply interested, have not been consulted or spoken to on the subject.

Why don't these gentlemen turn their attention to lowering the railroad, or better still, elevate it above the street? And then, if their yearnings must be gratified, there are some high places on the other side of the street, which they might give attention to. But we don't ask this. Our motto is, "Let well enough alone."

One gentleman, in another part of the town, whose property not only was injured, but sickness was produced in his family, by this unnecessary grade craze, elevating the street higher than his grounds.

We have received "The Republican," published at San Francisco, Cal., which especially directs attention to a paragraph reading: "California and the Pacific Coast solid for Benj. Harrison and Levi P. Morton, for President and Vice-Pres." [Maybe!]

**PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**—We have grouped together the names of the various candidates who have been nominated for President and Vice-President in the coming contest. Handy for reference. So far as we know, "they are all right,"—we mean the names.

Democratic.—Grover Cleveland, of New York, for President; Allan G. Thurman, of Ohio, for Vice-Pres. Republican.—Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana, for President; Levi P. Morton, of N. York, for Vice-Pres. Prohibition.—Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, of New Jersey, for President; Rev. or Dr. John A. Brooks, of Missouri, for Vice-President.

Union Labor Party—J. A. Streater is nominated.

Equal Rights Party—Mrs Helva A. Lockwood.

There may be others, as there is an American party, and a Greenback party, etc.

The "Century Club" was organized in Haddonfield on Friday evening, Aug. 3, with Henry B. Moore as President, and several Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and a Finance and Executive Committee. It had about 100 members. Speeches were made by Col. Peyton and H. B. Moore. The 15th of September was fixed upon for a Republican Mass Meeting.

Rev. Mr. Mickle, a former pastor of the Methodist Church, preached for them last Sunday.

In the absence of Rev. Mr. Gressmer, a young man, Lincoln Moore, a student, preached for the Baptists.

Whooping Cough is somewhat prevalent in Haddonfield and vicinity.

Miss Sarah Cox was knocked down on Tuesday eve'g, Aug. 7th, by a horse driven by a Miss Craig. We notice a good deal of driving by young women and girls—some quite young—children.

Mrs. R. C. Stiles, of this town, while waiting for a train at Haddon avenue, Camden, a few days ago, got into conversation with a stranger, and afterwards found her pocket book gone and \$60.

The following-named persons have been elected as Borough Commissioners of Collingswood: William H. and Richard C. Collings, C. H. Parker, G. W. Stoker, Elmer C. McGill, Jos. I. Matthias and C. M. Medinax.

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## DIED,

At Tannersville, (Catskill Mountains,) on the 13th, SALLIE W., wife of Howard A. Clement, and daughter of Joseph F. Kay, all of Haddonfield, in her 27th year. Funeral to-day, (Friday,) from the residence of her father, at half past 2 o'clock. Consumption.

In Haddonfield, on the 5th Inst., ELIZA, widow of the late John Whiteman, of Philada., in her 84th year.

At Atlantic City, on the 12th Inst., ISACHER S. CUSTER, father of Mrs. C. W. Taylor, of Haddonfield, in his 70th year.

At Westmont, on the 7th Inst., BRIGGS KAY, in the 78th year of his age.